

## **ACCIDENT REGISTER**

**ACCIDENT** is defined in Part 390.5 as: An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce which results in any one of the below:

1. A fatality.
2. Bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident.
3. One or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

Accident does not include:

1. An occurrence involving only boarding and alighting from a stationary motor vehicle.
2. An occurrence involving only the loading or unloading of cargo.

The **ACCIDENT REGISTER** is required to be maintained for accidents (as defined above) per Part 390.15. The register must be maintained for a period of three years after an accident occurs. For example, if you have an accident November 4, 2002, you must keep the record until November 3, 2005.

The **ACCIDENT REGISTER** can be in any format you choose, but must contain the following information:

1. Date of accident.
2. City or town in which or most near where the accident occurred and the State in which the accident occurred.
3. Driver name.
4. Number of injuries.
5. Number of fatalities.
6. Whether hazardous materials, other than fuel spilled from the fuel tanks of motor vehicles involved in the accident, were released.

Copies of all accident reports required by State or local governmental entities or insurers must be maintained with the accident register.